

SCHEPPS THE KEY
OF PEOPLE'S CASE

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purports are following the testimony in the case with close attention. That was evidenced yesterday when Juror No. 9, Clarence T. Coley, arose to correct a quotation from a letter which Schepps wrote "Jack" Rose from Hot Springs, and to which Becker's counsel repeatedly referred. Mr. McIntyre insisted upon saying that Schepps had written there were certain things which he "dared not mention." The juror asked if there was such an expression in the letter. When Mr. Hart, associate counsel for Becker, read the letter, it turned out that Schepps had written things, "which I do not care to mention." All the jurors nodded their heads in approval of their colleague.

Becker's lawyers clearly showed the plan of their case yesterday during the cross-examination of Schepps, and amplified the plan of defence which had been hinted at before. To sum-

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marize Mr. McIntyre's questions on this subject, it is evident that he intended to prove, if possible, that Rosen- thal was offered a large sum of money by the gamblers to leave the city a few days before he was shot, and that the gamblers conspired to kill him because he finally accepted the money and then refused to go away.

Becker's counsel has endeavored to place Harry Vallon near or at the scene of the crime in his questions to various witnesses. It is expected that the defence will try to show that Vallon did the shooting, or at least had a hand in the firing of the shots with the four gunmen.

Sheriff Julius Harburger, learning of Justice Goff's remark that he would appeal to the Sheriff for armed deputies in the courtroom to keep out gangsters who might come in to intimidate witnesses, proffered his services to the court in person yesterday. He tendered twenty-five deputy sheriffs to Justice Goff as a guard.

Justice Goff declined the offer, but the police guard of the courtroom was maintained rigidly. Three questionable looking characters, who might have been East Side gangsters, were ejected from the courtroom by court attendants.

Mr. Moss did not continue on the matter of Becker's appearance at this point, but returned to the narrative of Schepps' actions after he had the shots and went to the Metropole.

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Schepps laughed, and Mr. McIntyre said: "Don't laugh, young man, this is a serious matter, answer me." "I did not."

Q—Were you suspicious when Weber came in and said "Herman is in the Metropole"? A—I was not. Why should I be?

Q—You are there to answer my questions and not to ask me any," said Mr. McIntyre angrily. "After the gunmen went out, did you ask what they were going for?" he asked, after a pause.

"When I started out 'Jack' Rose stopped me." Q—Did you ask Rose what Weber's statement about Rosenthal meant? A—I did not.

Q—Were you curious to know? A—I didn't think anything about the announcement. Q—How long did you remain in Weber's place? A—For a few minutes. Q—Who went with you? A—I was alone.

Q—Did Rose remain? A—He did. Q—Did Rose and you ever look over the situation? A—He did not. Q—When Weber went out, didn't he say anything? A—No. He simply got up and walked out.

Q—When you went out where were you going? A—To see where the crowd went. Q—Now, if you didn't know where they were going, why should you go out to look for them? A—My curiosity prompted me to go down on the street to see if I could see them.

Q—What direction did you go? A—I walked down 42d street to Broadway. Q—Did you see any of the gunmen going that way? A—No. I saw shots were in the drug store? A—I was.

Q—What hour was it? A—Nearly 2 o'clock. Q—Were you in a hurry to get out? A—I wanted to see what was going on. Q—You heard four shots? A—I believe so.

Q—How did you come to note the shots as coming from the Metropole? A—I saw the crowd running. Q—When you got there did you see Rosenthal? A—I didn't know whose body it was.

Q—Did you go directly to the Metropole? A—No. Q—Where were you told? A—At 42d street and Broadway I was told that Rosenthal was killed.

Q—Did you see any police? A—Yes. Q—Did you see a policeman who heard Weber say, "Herman Rosenthal is in the Metropole," and told him of the gunmen going that way? A—No.

Q—Did you tell any one that you were not in 42d street or near the Metropole after the murder? A—No. Q—After the murder, did you see any police? A—Yes. The police were in the neighborhood.

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